



## Academic Council

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1:00-3:00pm

Department of Higher Education

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## Agenda

1. Greetings and Introductions
2. Corrections/Discussion of March Meeting Summary Notes [see handout]
3. Higher Education Bills in the Legislature
  - a. HB 12-1072 Concerning Credit for Prior Learning signed into law
    - Adds “(4.5) Prior learning. Beginning in the 2012-14 academic year, each public institution of higher education shall adopt and make public a policy or program to determine academic credit for prior learning” to [C.R.S. 23-1-125].
  - b. SB 12-164 Concerning the Operation of Private Postsecondary Institutions introduced
  - c. FY 2013 Budget update (Julia Ramsey)
4. Master Planning update and implications for Performance Contract renegotiation
  - a. Feedback from March 13 Master Planning meeting.
  - b. April 17 Master Planning meeting to be held at Auraria Campus, Tivoli Room 320 B&C. Focus: Measuring progress toward statewide goals discussed at the last meeting.
5. Follow-up on gtPathways applying only to LAS degrees.
  - a. At the last meeting AC agreed their preference would be to change the law [23-1-108.5(2)(c)] to apply only to LAS degrees and not have to do the paperwork of getting waivers from CCHE.
  - b. DHE would like to discuss this further.
6. Update on Postsecondary Progress and Price Sensitivity reports. (Beth Bean and Nakia Collins) [see *Price Sensitivity Summary* and *Postsecondary Success of High School Graduates* handouts]
7. Update on Admissions and Remedial Education policies review process. (Tamara White Johnson)
  - a. Task Force membership
  - b. What the review process is going to look like.

8. Follow-up: Issues around Ensuring Seamless Transfer
  - a. DHE collected all cut scores for AP, IB and CLEP tests from the 4-year institutions and delivered them to CCCS.
    - CCCS, ASC & Aims agreed to go with the highest scores.
    - CMC and WSC want more time to discuss whether they will go with the highest cut scores.
    - CMU wants to know what the highest scores are before agreeing to use them. How to get CMU this information?
    - FLC has some questions [see handout]
  - b. How to ensure consistency across the state for students? Do we need to standardize or create a policy saying institutions will honor one another's admission decisions?
9. Follow up on decision to allow degrees with emphases/concentrations to participate in articulation agreements.
  - a. Language that GE Council drafted for articulation agreements to clarify options for students.
10. CCHE decisions on Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education bachelor's degrees.
  - a. CCHE would like further discussion on the issue of bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education.
  - b. The main argument against allowing a bachelor's in Elementary Education is that elementary teachers should have a content major. However, two of the three institutions responding in the negative below offer a liberal arts major or individually structured major with elementary licensure, not a content major. So, if that's the argument, then should CCHE enforce its 1986 decision and require a content major with elementary education?
  - c. The three institutions that voted "no" or "needs the most discussion" below prepare about 15% of all Elementary Education candidates, according to SURDS data. Should they be allowed to essentially "veto" this decision? CCHE wants to hear all opinions but may not wait for consensus.

**Table 1: Early Childhood and Elementary Education Majors Poll Results**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Allow bachelor's in Early Childhood Education</b>	<b>Allow bachelor's in Elementary Education</b>
CCCS	Yes	Yes
CMC	Yes	Yes
CSU	Yes	Yes
CSU-P	No opposition	No opposition
MSCD	Yes	Yes
UCB	Yes	No
UCCS	Yes	Yes
UCD	Need to discuss	Needs the most discussion
UNC	Yes	Yes
Colorado Christian	Yes	No
University of Phoenix	Yes	Yes

11. CCHE Policy Revision: Policy IV: Statewide Extended Studies [see handout]
  - a. Has been vetted with CAOs, CFOs, Statewide Extended Studies Deans & Directors, and DHE staff.
  - b. Will most likely go to May CCHE meeting for final approval.

12. Other Business?